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NEW CITY HALL ADDRESS: INTRODUCING 'HONOLULU.GOV'

The City and County of Honolulu has received approval for exclusive use of “honolulu.gov” as its new Internet address. The recent approval was granted to the City last month by the federal General Services Administration, which oversees the use of all “.gov” Internet addresses. It allows the City to move from the clumsy “co.honolulu.hi.us” to the more user-friendly “honolulu.gov.”

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), who introduced the resolution seeking this address change, stated: “This is an important step in making our government more accessible to the people. Good government should not only be ‘of the people and by the people,’ but also easy for the people to reach.”

Congressman Ed Case (Second District, Hawaii) was instrumental in securing GSA approval for this change. “This is a perfect example of what can be achieved when Hawaii’s state and local governments work closely with our members of Congress to achieve results in Washington, D.C. I commend Councilmember Djou and Mayor Harris for pursuing this initiative. I know from personal experience that e-government is the wave of the future and maximizes accessibility by the people to their governments. This is an important advance in that direction, particularly for the 200,000 suburban and rural Oahu residents in the Second Congressional District who may not have easy access to their City government in downtown Honolulu,” said Case, who urged the GSA to issue “honolulu.gov” to the City.

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Over the past several years the City repeatedly applied for use of 'honolulu.gov.' The GSA had denied the City's previous requests because of possible confusion with the town of Honolulu, Alaska. The council resolution introduced by Councilmember Djou and efforts in Washington D.C. by Congressman Case helped to finally get the City's application reviewed and approved. In addition to the web-site address, the City soon hopes to have all of its email addresses routed through 'honolulu.gov.'

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